# Bible Lessons.

Sunday, September 8th, 1861.

Read-Marr. xix. 1-30 : Jesus blesses little ch'ldren. Genesis xiii.: Lot's separation from Abra-

Recite-M .TTHEW XVIII. 21, 22.

Sunday, September 15th, 1861. Read-MATT. XX 1-16: Parable of the vineyard GENESIS XV.: God's covenant with Abraham. Recite-Matthew xix. 23-26.

### " Fearch the Scriptures."

Write down what you suppose to be the answers to the following questions.

71. When were the Israelites first called Jews?

72. Name a priest who lived in the time of Solomon, and in seven succeeding reigns, and state how public respect for him was manifested.

Answers to questions given last week :-

69. Tyre. Joel iii 4-8. At the capture of that city thirty thousand Tyrians were sold.

70 Zenas. Titus iii. 13.

### The Stone that rebounded.

"O, boys, boys, don't throw stones at that poor cat-bird," said an old, gray-headed man.

"Why, sir," said a fellow, "she makes such a squalling that we can't bear her."

"Yes; but she uses such a voice as God gave her, and it is probably as pleasant to her friends as yours is to those who love you. And besides, that hoarse, flat voice is not her only song: Early in the morning, on some bright day, you will hear her in some high tree, pouring out notes that are delightful. She is a species of mockingbird, and often fills the air far and near with her varied and sweet melody. And besides, I have another reason why I don't want to have you stone her. I am afraid the stone will rebound, and hurt you as long as you live!"

"Rebound! We don't understand you,

"Well, come, and I will tell you a story;"

"We shall like that, sir. Is it a true story?" "Yes: every word is true." "Fifty years ago I was a boy like you. used to throw stones, and as I had no other boy very near me, I threw them till I became quite accurate. On day I went to work for an old man by the name of Hamilton. They seemed very old people then. They were very kind to everybody and everything. Nobody had so many swallows making nests under the roof of their barn. Nobody had so many martin-birds in their red box at the end of their little red house as they. Nobody had so many little chattering flitting joyous wrens as they. Nobedy so many pets that seemed to love them as they. Among other things was a very tame phebe-bird. For seven years she had come, after the long winter was over, and built her nest in the same place, and there reared and educated her young 5. Levity in conversation.-Eph. v. 4; 2 Pet. light, and peace nestles upon his heart as he lies phebes. She had just returned on the day that I went there to work, and they welcomed her back. She had no note but to repeat her own name, and she cried 'phebe,' 'phebe,' as if glad to get back. In the course of the day I thought I would try my skill upon old phebe. She stood 8. Reediness to take offence .- Prov. xiv. 17; once so bright has become dark. The prayer upon a post near the spot where she was to build her nest, and looked at me with all confi- 9. A murmuring, repining spirit -1 Cor. x. 10g morning air, straight towards heaven, will not dence, as much as to say, 'You won't hurt me! I found a nice stone, and poising my arm, I threw it with my utmost skill. It struck poor phebe on the head, and she dropped dead! I 11. Covetousness .- Luke xii. 15 ;- Coloss. iii. accusing voices are heard within him. However was sorry, the moment I saw her fall. But it was all done. All day long her mate came 12. Light thoughts of sin.—1 Kings xvi. 41 round and called, 'phebe,' in tones so Matt. xxii. 5. sad that it made my heart ache. Why had I 13. Intemperance.-Prov. xxii. 29-32. taken a life so innocent, and made the poor mate grieve so? I said nothing to the Hamiltons about it. But through a grandchild they found it out; and though they never said a word to me about it, I knew that they mourned for the bird, and were deeply grieved at my cruelty. I could never look them in the face afterwards as I did before. O, that I had told them how years, and so has the poor bird; but don't you But the false professor may descend lower still. see how that stone rebounded and hit me! How 17. Into scoffing and infidelity .- 2 Pet iii. 3. deep upon my conscience! Why, my dear boys, 18. Persecuting the righteous.-Acts vii. 52. would make great sacrifices to day, if I could 10. An awful death.—Prov. xiv. 32. undo that one deed! For fifty years I have car- 20. Final Perdition .- Matt. xxv. 41, ried it in my memory, and though I have never Turn to the Scriptures attached to every step from throwing a stone at the poor cat-bird, that him that is able to keep you from falling, be glomay rebound, and make a wound in your consei- ry, and majesty, dominion and power, both now ence that will not be healed in your life, I shall and forever." Amen.

The boys thanked the aged man, dropped their stones, and the eat-bird had no more trouble from them -John Todd D, D.

Never expect spiritual wealth while you are indulging spiritual sloth.

You have cause to tremble, if the Bible ap-

pears a common-place book. love; if you love Christ much, surely you will tition:

trust Him much. For every fear which we dare not confront we lose a portion of our hardiness; for every sorrow from which we turn we forfeit a consola-

### The First American Poetry.

The are few boys in this country who have not heard the nursery rhyme sung by the mo-

"Lul-a-by baby, upon the tree top;

When the wind blows the cradle will rock; When the bough breaks the cradle will fall, And down will come cradle, baby and all.

But how many know the origin? Shortly afparty were out in the field where the Indian mission of sins? women were picking strawberries. Several of they had them tied up in Indian fashion, and hung from the limbs of surrounding trees. 's When the wind blew, these cradles would rock." A young man of the party observing this, peeled off a piece of bark, and wrote the above lines, which it is believed is the first poetry written in America.

#### Pocket-money for children

him upon extravagance and folly,

### Degrees in Backsliding.

Reader; he who now addresses you, rememcure." has prepared the following scale of religious declension; not affiming that backsliding proceeds precisely in this order, but all these being marks of departure from God, any one of them should awaken alarm, and ere you arrive at the climax, induce the cry of the Psalmist, "I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant, for I do not forget thy commandments."

1. Neglect of secret prayer .- Job xv. 4; Isaiah xlin. 10.

2. Disregard of the Bible. Jer. vi. 19; Hosea man, through a period of health, has a bright and

3. Forsaking the means of grace.-Neh. x. 39;

4. Worldty-mindedness .- 2 Tim. iv. 10; 1 John own that he is at peace and in harmony with

6. A quarrelsome spirit.-Isaiah xxix. 21;

Cor. iii, 3. 7. Dwelling on the faith of others.-Matt. vii.

Philip. ii. 14.

4 ; 2 Tim. iv. 3.

14. Love of pre-eminence.—Prov. xvi. 18;

John 9, 10.

Eccles. xii. 14. 16. Falling into outward sin .- Prov. xiv. 4;

Hosea iv. 17.

spoken of it before, yet, it it shall prevent you in the ladder; ponder them. And "now unto

# Superstition in Infant Baptism.

We have known some pedobaptist parents who demanding enormous pay. were seriously troubled about the eternal state of It is a light fingered gentleman, who feels their children, who had died in infancy unbap- every corner of the drawer, and to the very bottized. The following rebuke of Dr. Guthrie, a tom of the purse. staunch pedobaptist himself, really fails on the pid descent, smooth as marble and as slippery as WE trust as we love, and we trust where we whole system, no less than on this single supers- glass, ending in the abyss of ruin.

our fathers, with Knox at their head, came from coils. Rome with less of her old superstitions about It is hypocrisy personified and affected outside some lingering remains of popery can we ascribe within. THE faith of expectance will in time rise up to have baptism administered to a dying child?

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when death has stamped his seal on an infant's

any virtue in water to save its soul. I recoil with horror from the thought that a God of mercy would suspend its salvation on a mere outward ordinance. Is there not reason to suspect that at the root of this anxious and unnecessary haste, there lies some lurking feeling that baptism, if not essential, is at least serviceable to salvation, and has some connection, ter our forefathers landed at Plymouth, Mass., a near or remote, with regeneration, and the re-

Now, with all respect and due regard to the these women, or squaws, as they are called, had feelings of others, so far as they are conscientipapooses, that is babies, and having no cradles, ous, we cannot look upon such notions as anything else than the rags of an old superstition.-

### Tell your experience

Much of the want of faith in the promises of God comes from a neglect on the part of Christians to bear witness to the fulfilment of those promises in their experience. You have been in emergencies when it seemed as though an There is no error more fatal than imagining earthquake were shaking your foundations from that pinching a youth in lis pocket-money will under you, and you caught hold of some of the teach him frugality. On the contrary, it will promises of God, and they held you up and com- subject that is to be crystalized, by means of a occasion his running into extravagance with so forted you, and you have never borne witness much more eagerness when he comes to to their sustaining power in the prayer-meetings laid horizentally across the aperture of a deep suitable to his age and discretion, you must ex- Many and many a time God has brought you are carefully to be suspended in the shade until pect to find that he has thrown it away upon out of great trouble, when you have made no perfectly dry. what is not only idle, but hurtful. A certain mention of His mercy and goodness to any one. quire a habit of frugality, attention and pru- Jerusalem for shoutings and praises. Too many about 95 deg. of Fahrenheit's thermometer. dence, that will be of service to him through his witnesses of God's goodness in His promises are whole life. On the contrary, to give a young silent witnesses. Men do not enough speak out operated upon, are the moss rose or holly, fruit of per on money to spend at will, without requiring the testimonies that they might bear in this mat- the sloughbush, the hyacinth, furze blossoms, any account of it, is leading, or rather forcing, ter. The reason that I love the Methodists- ranunculus, garden daisy, pink, and a great variegoods ones-is that they have a tongue to their ty of others; in fact, there are few subjects in piety. They fulfil the command of God to be in the vegetable world that are not eligible to fervent in spirit. They do let their light shine. this mode of preservation. bering the adage, that "prevention is better than namely, that in the world there is far less faith cools, if so, the solution is sufficiently strong. themselves.—H. W. Beecher.

### Health versus Piety.

There are many sad cases of insanity of a religious character which originate in moods. A cheerful religious experience. The world looks pleasant to him, the heavens smile kindly upon him, and the Divine Spirit witnesses with his God. Joy thrills him as he greets the morning down to his nightly rest. He feels in his soul the influx of spiritual life from the Great Source of all life, as he opens it in worship and in prayer. But at length there comes a change. A strange sadness creeps into his heart. The sky that was that once rose as easily as incense upon the still rise at all, but settles like smoke upon him, and 10. A critical hearing of the word .-- 1 Cor. iii fills his eyes with tears. Something seems to have come between him and his God. Strange, deep the agony that moves him, he cannot rend the cloud that interposes between him and his Maker. This, now, is simply a mood produced by ill-health; and I hope that everybody who 3 reads this will remember it. Remember that God never changes, that a man's moods are con-15. Indulgence in secret sin .- Numb. xxxii. 23; stantly changing, and that when a man earnestly seeks for spiritual peace and cannot find it, and thinks that he has committed the unpardonable sin without knowing it, he is bilious, and needs Thus far a true believer may fall, and several medical treatment. Alas! what multitudes of in the first place, perhaps, was a dose of bluepills, or a sea voyage sufficiently rough for "practical purposes."-Springfield Republican.

## What is Moderate Drinking?

It is a great deceiver of nations promising health and long life, and yet destroying more by its tendencies than war, famine or plague. It is a sweet morsel in the mouth, but it

gravel in the stomach. It is a regular quack medicine, making splendid promises, but performing no cure, and yet

It is a beautiful serpent, in whose fangs dead-And prone as we of Scotland are to boast that ly venom is concealed by the dazzling of its

It is a whirlpool of frightful ruin in which thousands have sunk to rise no more.

brow, hurry off for a minister that he may baptize the dying. I cannot believe that there is It appears as an angel of light, assuming the smiling countenance, but in reality, a demon of the bottomless pit.

It is a perpetual dropping, injuring a man's constitution far more than occasional drunken-

It is the birth day and birth place of all the drunkenness we have ever had in the land.

It provides an army of reserve to recruit the ranks of sixty thousand destroyed annually by strong drink.

# Agriculture, &c.

### To Crystalise Flowers.

The experiment is simple and can be tried without difficulty. Dissolve eighteen ounces of pure alum in a quart of soft spring water, (observing proportion for a greater or less quantity,) by boiling it gently in a close tinned vessel over a moderate fire keeping it stirred with a wooden spatula, until the solution is complete.

When the liquor is almost cold suspend the small thread or twine, from a lath or small stick have money in his own hands; as pinch- at the conference-meetings or elsewhere. There glass or earthen jar, as being best adapted for ing him in his diet will make his ap- are hundreds of men whose life God has made the purpose, into which the solution must be placpetite only the more rapacious. If you put significant and memorable, and they have never ed. The respective articles must remain in the into the hands of your child more mony than is uttered a word about it to those arround them. solution twenty-four hours; when taken out they

When the subjects to be crystalized are put small, regular income, any child above six years God's promises are not enough talked of. If all into the solution while it is quite cold, the crysof age ought to have. When he comes to be the blessings that men are conscious of having tals are apt to be formed too large; on the other capalle of keeping an account, he ought had in fullfilment of God's promises should re- hand should it be too hot, the crystais will be to be obliged to do it; he will thereby ac- ceive tongue, this city would be like the New small in proportion. The best temperature is

Among vegetable specimens that may be

And if the wick is long and needs snuffing, it is The fitness of the solultion for the purpose better that it should be so, than that there shall may be ascertained by putting a drop of it on be no light at all. Of one thing I am sure a slip of grass, and seeing if it crystalizes as it in the promises of God than there would be if Then twist around a sprig of a plant, a cinder, Christians bore the testimony that they should or a wire ornament of any kind, some cotton or of the fulfilment of those promises in respect to still better some worsted. Atter being immersed as already directed, the surface of the whele will be found covered with beautiful crystaliza-

> The effect of the above is very pretty; especially adapted to winter bouquets.

Economise. Extravagance in times like these is not simply imprudent, but unpatriotic and sinful. Gaudy apparel, costly equipages and superfluous boards are in bad keeping with the times that are upon us, Retrenchment should be the order of the day. This word, retrenchment, is no sooner seen by many than the next thought is to erase the name of some religious paper; then, the amount subscribed to the pastor must be lessened; next, the son or daughter must be taken from school; and finally, the Mission cause must be utterly ignored .-Now, all this is wrong. If we would advantageously retrench, let us do so by cutting off our dry goods bills, our grocery bills, our jewelry bills, and our tobacco and whiskey bills. Never cut off the supplies for the mind and soul; either for ourselves or children.

The pride of laties now should be to wear homespun and calico, to place on their tables bacon and cabbage; the man should be honered who wears russetts and Kentucky jeans. Young men with gold headed canes and segars should be passed by by young ladies.

Economise we certainly should, but in a way the heart may not suffer .- Louisiana Baptist.

AN EFFECTUAL CURE FOR THE EAR ACHE. -Take a small piece of cotton batting, or cotton wool, making a depression in the centre with the end of a finger, and fill it with as much ground corrections will be the consequence. See Ps. sad souls have walked out of this hopeless mood pepper as will rest on a five cent piece, gather it sorry I was! They have been dead many, many lxxxix. 30-32; Micah vii. 9; Matt. xxvi. 75, into a life-long insanity, when all they needed into a ball, and tie it up. Dip the ball into sweet oil, and insert into the ear, covering the latter with cotton wool, and use a bandage or cap to retain it in place. Almost instant relief will be experienced, and the application is so gentle that an infant will not be injured by it, but will experience relief as well as adults .--Cor. Boston Journal.

> CAMOMILE.—In the Irish Gardener's Magazine it is stated not only that a decoction of the leaves of the camomile will destroy insects, but that nothing contributes so muck to the health of a garden as a number of these plants dispersed through it. No green-house or hot-house should be without it, in a green or dry state; either the stalks or flowers will answer. It is a, singular fact that if a plant is drooping, and apparently dying, it nine cases out of ten it will recover if you place a plant of camomile near

To Make Hens Lay I send you a good recipe for making hens lay :- Take some oats and boil then until soft; then fry them in bot fat, and you will have any quantity of eggs .- Proithem than most other churches, to what else then sobriety while all is agitation and uncleanliness rie Farmer.

into a faith of reliance, and the faith of reliance Does not this look very like a rag of the old. It is an Ignis fatuus, tempting its fated tollowers one false friend, one unadvised word, one false will in time advance itself into a faith? It smells of the sepulchre. over trembling bogs, and tumbling them down a frightful precipice. over trembling bogs, and tumbling them down er all at once.

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